



Child Care Resource & Referral
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Winter 2022 Newsletter

Winter Training Bulletin



A Message from our Program Coordinator:



Hello Early Learning Professionals!

I hope you are making cookies, fun art projects and most of all memories with the kiddos this time of year. Though these last few years have been full of challenges, we are beginning to see the light through some wonderful results through stabilization funds across our counties. Reports from late November tell us that our region's providers received **over 3.5 million dollars** in stabilization grant funds. This is amazing. I am so proud of our providers for educating themselves on how to use these funds, taking classes and attending our Q&A sessions to get their burning questions answered and following through with the grant process. Kudos to all of you and, I have to also thank, our great team at Care Connections & Education for making sure we left no provider behind who wished to pursue these dollars. WOW! We live in an amazing region.

Coming up, we have a save the date for several classes in our training calendar as well the return of our Annual Spring Fling event May 14th. Remember, this is provider appreciation event/training opportunity and we hope to see your smiling faces as we get to come together again. We are

returning this conference to UCC at the Lang center. In addition, we have some big plans for a conference event in Klamath Falls in April (final date TBD). This will be our first Spring Fling provider appreciation event in Klamath Falls so keep looking for more details to come! Also, many of you are taking advantage of Conscious Disciple training and e-courses starting up in January. This is going to be awesome. I love that we have all kinds of provider/professionals taking advantage of this epic opportunity. Thanks for responding!

Lastly, we have some ideas brewing on how we can continue to support programs who have received grant dollars. So far, we have offered complete funding for program leads to take Administration of Child Care Centers at UCC. This course is completely online and we are covering the cost for eligible program leads to take this course. It is available only in English at this time. We are excited to announce that this class has incorporated a family childcare business component that is new. We hope that you will contact us to see how you can take this class at no cost to you. In addition, we are hoping to work with the community colleges to get classes on Excel, Quickbooks and beginning computer classes available to eligible program leads through UCC and KCC. This is in the works and there will be details to follow. We want to hear from you. Is this helpful? What would help you? You can email me your thoughts to me at heather.freilinger@douglasesd.k12.or.us.

Remember, you are what makes our community grow up health and strong! You are appreciated!

Sincerely,

Heather

CCRR Program Coordinator
Care Connections & Education



**Interested in
Preschool Promise?**



In the 2022-2023 program year, the Early Learning Division (ELD) will expand the Preschool Promise (PSP) program. To help determine the level of expansion, you are invited to take the "Preschool Promise Provider Interest Survey." This survey will ask questions about your program's capacity and interest in Preschool

Promise.



Your input makes a difference by supporting access to high-quality preschool opportunities for Oregon's families. Please complete this 10-minute survey:

[Start Survey](#)

[English Brochure](#)

[Spanish Brochure](#)

A Message from our Klamath & Lake Facilitator:

The days are shorter and the air is colder, as we are approaching winter. I am thankful that we are now able to have school in person. As we navigate this new year lets be thankful for the opportunity to see children in person and be mindful of new challenges that may have arisen for our children as a result of the pandemic.

Let's make sure we are giving extra grace to our little ones and take the time to enjoy them. They are truly a gift!

We, at the CCR&R are here to help you so please let us know what we can do for you. I am amazed at how hard you all work for our young children. That is something that you should be proud of!

Charlene

Klamath & Lake CCRR Facilitator



Back to School Cohort Update

Greetings!

The UCC ECE Back to School Cohort has been busy. We are passing classes and changing lives! There are currently 13 members and we expect a few more to join us next term. Our funding pot is full and if you have been

thinking about going back to college then don't wait any longer! The time is now!

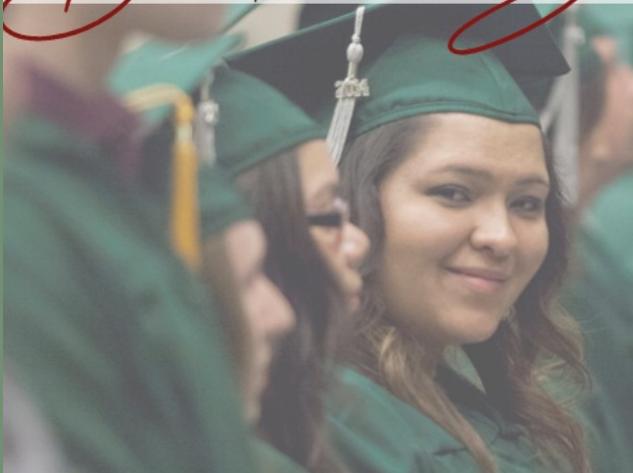
Winter Registration is open at UCC and [Betty Gray Scholarships](#) through PSU are available! The deadline to apply for this scholarship is December 29. Curious? Let's set up a time to meet! I can help you get started!



Dr. Sally Guyon has worked to revamp the Early Childhood Education program at UCC to make it accessible to people that are working full time. There's a variety of classes in the evenings and online. As part of the Back to School Team we are committed breaking down barriers to college, what are yours? There are many supports in place to help people just like you!

Still not sure if the time is right? Join us for our next meeting, January 7th in the evening at UCC, let us show you the possibilities! Dinner and beverages provided. Contact Dani for more information.

Back to School • Cohort



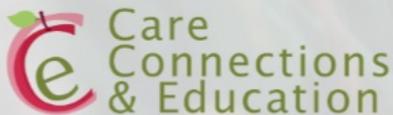
We're here to assist you with:

Finding the Right Program

Grants & Scholarship Opportunities

Financial Assistance

Learning Opportunities and more!



For More Info:

Call Dani at 541.492.6606

Danielle.mckiddy@douglasesd.k12.or.us

Klamath's Focused Child Care Network

Whew! We have almost made it through this challenging year and have our eyes on a new year of improved health and happiness!

Our Focused Child Care Network cohort has been busy! First, a big BRAVO! for Maria Barajas for becoming our latest licensed early childhood educator from our FCCN group of Spanish speakers. Maria has been taking ECE classes since the fall of 2019 and is looking forward to continuing at KCC this coming



winter.

We couldn't be prouder! Congratulations Maria!

We continue to hold as a goal for our group, a deep dive into the world of technology. We held a class in the late summer to get started and everyone was excited to learn more! We have been exploring ways to provide this training both virtually and in person.

Our immediate focus this fall was the wonderful ORAEYC conference, learning about the Stabilization Grant offered by the Early Learning Division, working with KCC to offer the group a class for winter term,

(ECE 249 Inclusion of Children with Special Needs)and continuing on our journey with SPARK.

We wish you all a Happy New Year!



Save the Date for Spring Fling!

Douglas County:

May 14

Umpqua Community College

Klamath County:

April TBA

watch for details



Administration of Child Care Programs

**Winter Term
2022 at UCC**

This three-credit course has been

newly updated for individuals currently working as Directors/Owners of Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Programs and those who wish to be a Director/Owner of an ECCE Program.



The ECE 247 Administration of Child Care Programs course offers an overall view of administration and operation of childcare centers including considerations around site location and development; regulatory agencies and license requirements; policy formation and development, planning space and equipment; staff selection, training, supervision, and evaluation; boards and advisory committees; funding and budgeting; legal responsibilities.

Online Training: January 3 - March 14

Weekly assignments and online interactions.

Flexible participation to make it work for you!

Care Connections and Education will pay for family child care providers to attend.

Contact us **BEFORE** registering to learn more!

541.492.6604

[Download Brochure](#)

Klamath Community College Class Coming Soon!

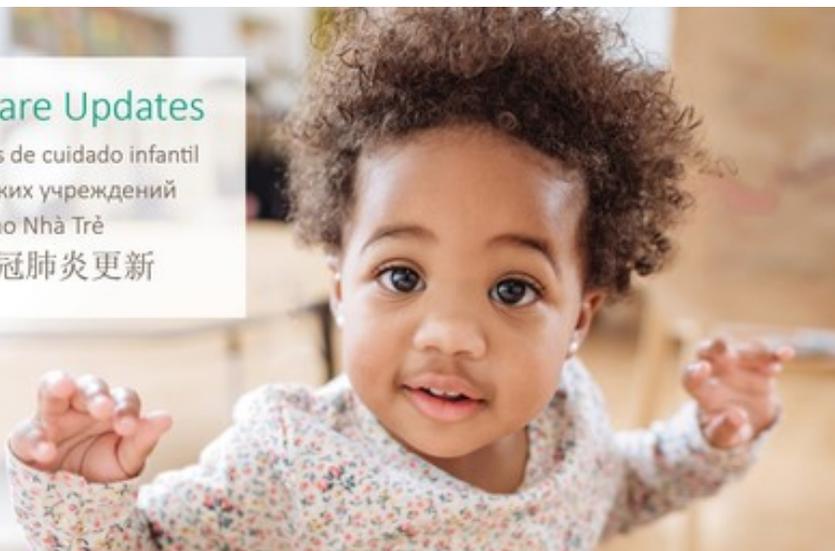
What's New: Child Care Updates

Qué hay de nuevo: Actualizaciones de cuidado infantil

Что нового: Новости о для детских учреждений

Có gì mới: Cập Nhật Tình Hình Cho Nhà Trẻ

什麼是新的: 兒童保育新冠肺炎更新



Early Learning Division- Provider Resources:

English

What's New

Spanish

* To change language on the ELD webpage, click "SELECT LANGUAGE" in upper right-hand corner of the webpage.

* Para cambiar el idioma en el sitio web de la ELD, haga clic en "SELECT LANGUAGE" en la esquina superior derecha del sitio web.

Provider Resources



Stabilization Grant Application Deadline: 12/31/21

We are here to support you! Call us at 541.492.6604

Apply

ARPA Expense Tracking Tool

Congress allocated funds through the [American Rescue Plan Act](#) to support child care providers following the pandemic. Oregon received approximately \$250 million in child care stabilization funds. The funds were given to states with specific requirements around applications and distributing the funds.

Check out [Tom Copeland's Blog](#) for valuable resources on the stabilization grant and business in general!

The ELD has a special **Stabilization Grant Helpline** during the Holiday Closure: **800-342.6712**

Licensing visits are back in person!



It's time to put some fresh eyes on your site and make sure everything is in order. It's easy to overlook things you see everyday.

Tip: Enlist a friend to do a walk through using your license checklist.

Health & Safety Review Checklist (Registered)

[ENGLISH](#) and [SPANISH](#)

Health & Safety Review Checklist (Certified)

[ENGLISH](#) and [SPANISH](#)

Disinfecting & Sanitizing Solutions

[ENGLISH](#) and [SPANISH](#)

Child Safety Lock Requirements

[ENGLISH](#) and [SPANISH](#)

DHS Resources

Would you like to become a DHS listed provider who qualifies to accept subsidies from families who get assistance to pay for child care? Filling out the listing form is the first step:

[DHS Listing Form - ENGLISH](#)

[DHS Listing Form - SPANISH](#)

[ERDC SNAP Application](#)

Lending Library in Douglas County Offered through Umpqua Valley STEAM Hub

FEATURED LEARNING TOOL: **Tiling Turtles**

Beautiful sets of 25 wooden tiling turtles. Laser cut from solid wood. Geometric reasoning is accessed

through these turtles as kids explore spatial reasoning, patterning, counting, and tessellation patterns. Intended for all ages.

Group:
Manipulatives

Subject:
Math

Optimal Grade Level:
Kindergarten, 1st - 12th



Visit their website to learn more about this and other cool **learning tools available to you** in their lending library!

Douglas STEAM Hub Lending Library



Roseburg School District Lunches through the Holidays

Details



CLASSROOM FOSTERS!



COULD YOUR STUDENTS BENEFIT FROM CARING FOR A SMALL ANIMAL?

FROM GUINEA PIGS TO RABBITS, IT'S EASY PEEZY! SAVING GRACE CAN PROVIDE SUPPLIES AND SUPPORT, YOU JUST CARE FOR THE ANIMAL IN YOUR CLASSROOM WHILE ENRICHING YOUR STUDENTS!



EMAIL THE FOSTER COORDINATOR AT

SECONDCHANCE@SAVINGGRACE.INFO FOR MORE INFORMATION!



SAVING GRACE
PET ADOPTION CENTER

Roseburg Public Library will be holding story times in English and Spanish. Learn more on their facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/roseburglibrary>

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

ACF Resource Library

Klamath & Lake
Resource Guide:

English

Spanish

[Klamath Family Resources](#)

[Early Childhood Intervention](#)





Winter Safety

[Winter Car Seat Safety](#)

[Winter Preparedness:](#)
[ENGLISH](#) and [SPANISH](#)



Sensory Snowman
Craft

ZERO to
Three

Take Root Parenting Classes

Winter Hours

Open: Mon-Friday 8:00am- 4:30pm

Holiday Closures:

Dec 20 - Jan 2, 2022 - Christmas Holiday

Jan 17, 2022 Office Closed for MLK Day

Feb. 21, 2022 Office Closed for Presidents Day

*Someone will be in the office if you need assistance with the
Stabilization Grant:*

Monday Dec 20 8:00-4:30 Michelle 541.492.6604

Monday Dec 27 8:00-4:30 Barbara 541.492.6605

Thursday Dec 30 8:00-4:30- Michelle 541.492.6604



Watch for texts from Care Connections & Education

We have a texting platform that we will be sending only important information. NO SPAM! We will be sending out reminders about classes that you are registered to take, links for the newsletter or other important updates.

[SIGN UP HERE TO RECEIVE TEXT MESSAGES](#)

You may already be on our contact list, by clicking the sign up it will ensure we have your correct contact phone number.

How Can We Help?

Care Connections & Education provides early learning resources and technical assistance to providers just like YOU!

Here are just some of the ways we can help:

- Connect to Oregon's Early Learning Systems
- Program Quality Improvement
- Technical Assistance and Referrals to Extra Supports for Children with Challenging Behavior
- Cohort and Coaching Opportunities
- Navigate Licensing and/or DHS
- Connect to Professional Development and Higher Education Opportunities

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